



**Sponsorship of Youth & Elite Athletes Policy
S-888-26**

Effective Date:
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Part 1 Purpose

- 1.1 To help *elite athletes* with travel costs who are competing at national or international events.
- 1.2 To assist *youth* who are travelling to attend recreational, sporting, or cultural events.

Part 2 Definitions

- 2.1 **“Elite Athlete”** is defined as a person who commits significant time to training and competing in their sport as either an individual or a team member and is recognized by their association as a representative of Nova Scotia/Atlantic Canada or Canada eligible to compete at the highest level nationally or internationally. The athlete must have won their way or been selected to attend the national or international event by the event organizer(s). This grant excludes professional athletes in the sport.
- 2.2 **“Youth”** is defined as someone under the age of 21.

Part 3 Funding Use

- 3.1 To be used only towards travel costs (e.g., flights, accommodations, meals, etc.)
- 3.2 Funds cannot be used to attend training.
- 3.3 Funds cannot be used towards travel costs for persons accompanying the applicant.
- 3.4 Receipts will be required showing proof of qualifying expenses.

Part 4 Eligible Requirements

- 4.1 *Elite Athletes*
 - 4.1.1 An *Elite Athlete* who is a resident of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth;
and
 - 4.1.2 Can demonstrate a financial need for the sponsorship by:
 - 4.1.2.1 listing the budget to compete;
 - 4.1.2.2 all sources of secured funding to participate; and

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4.1.2.3 a letter confirming requirement for support from event organizer or coach.

4.2 Youth Athlete

4.2.1 Youth (or teams) who is a resident of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth;

4.2.2 Can demonstrate financial need for the sponsorship by:

4.2.2.1 Listing budget to compete;

4.2.2.2 all sources of funding to support participation; and

4.2.2.3 a letter confirming requirement for support from event organizer or coach

4.3 If a sporting event, the applicant(s) must be travelling to compete at a national or international event which they have either won their way to, and/or have been selected to attend by the event organizer(s).

4.4 Proof of qualifying or having been selected to attend the competition by the event organizers(s) is required.

Part 5 Ineligible Applicants

5.1 Non-resident of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.

5.2 Any applicant who is under suspension, sanction or investigation for any rule violation relating to the sport.

5.3 Professional athletes in the sport.

5.4 If funding has been awarded through the Yarmouth Recreation *Elite Athlete* Grant Program for the same event/competition.

Part 6 Funding Amount Limit

6.1 Funding will not exceed 25% of the total travel budget, to a maximum of \$250 for individuals, and \$1,000 for teams.

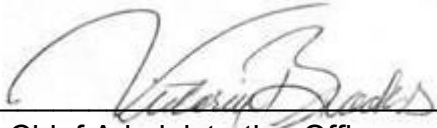
6.2 *Council* will approve an annual budget which shall not be exceeded.

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Chief Administrative Officer's Annotation for Official Policy Book	
Date of Notice to Council members of Intent to Consider (7 days Min)	February 18, 2026
Date of Passage of current Policy	February 25, 2026
I certify that this Sponsorship of Youth & Elite Athletes Policy S-888-26 was adopted by Council as indicated above.	
 _____ Chief Administrative Officer	<u>March 6, 2026</u> Date

Date last reviewed by Council: February 25, 2026

Date last amended:

Amendment Log

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